

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-21-99

Issued at Haines, July 14, 1999

Effective 12:01 A.M.
Date: Friday, July 16, 1999

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Friday, July, 23, 1999. Unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order extends the date that the area of Chilkat Inlet is closed to sport fishing for king salmon. Chilkat Inlet north of a line extending from an ADF&G regulatory marker one mile south of Anchorage Point to an ADF&G regulatory marked directly north of the Letnikof Cove boat ramp is closed to sport fishing for king salmon through July 23.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.022(27) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS

(1) 5 AAC 47.022 WATER	SEASON AND BAG LIMIT						SPECIAL PROVISIONS
	King Salmon	Other Salmon	Trout/ Steelhead	Dolly Varden	Halibut/ Lingcod	Other Fish/Shell fish	
(27) CHILKAT INLET	1A ¹	1D	1L, 1R	1I	3J, 4K	1S, 1T	¹ Chilkat Inlet north of a line extending from an ADF&G regulatory marker one mile south of Anchorage Point to an ADF&G regulatory marked directly north of the Letnikof Cove boat ramp is closed to king salmon fishing from April 15 through July 23.

JUSTIFICATION:

The department is forecasting a below average return of king salmon to the Chilkat River this year. In addition, data indicates that the run is later than normal. The department monitors the immigration of king salmon into the Chilkat River using drift gillnets and fishwheels located in the lower river. This year peak catches occurred approximately one week later than average. Further, Chilkat Inlet subsistence fishers are still reporting catching king salmon. King salmon are believed to mill in salt water off the mouth of the river until they are ready to move upstream. The extension of this closure is needed to protect mature king salmon returning to spawn in the Chilkat River.

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